

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A mounting assembly comprising:  
an upper base;  
a lower base having a first tubular member;  
first and second axial isolation layers; and  
an isolator;  
wherein said first and second isolation layers and said isolator are disposed between said upper and lower bases, wherein said first isolation layer and said isolator substantially circumscribe said first tubular member of said lower base and said second isolation layer substantially circumscribes said isolator;  
wherein said upper base is adjacent and in communication with said second axial isolation layer and said isolator;  
wherein said lower base is adjacent and in communication with said first axial isolation layer; and  
wherein said mounting assembly includes an annular-gap adapted for receiving a tubular portion of a mounting surface.
2. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said first and second isolation layers and said isolator each have an aperture, wherein said apertures substantially circumscribe said first tubular member.
3. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said upper base further includes a second tubular member, and wherein said second tubular member defines a central opening.
4. (Currently Amended) A mounting assembly according to claim 43, wherein said second tubular member has a smaller diameter than said first tubular member, such that said second tubular member slidably engages into said first tubular member.

5. (Currently Amended) A mounting assembly according to claim 43, wherein said second tubular member has a dimple for engaging a fastener.

6. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said upper base includes a lip, said lip abuts said second isolation layer.

7. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said isolator and said first isolation layer are constructed as one integral piece.

8. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said first and second isolation layers and said isolator are constructed of a wire mesh material.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A mounting assembly according to claim 91, wherein said second tubular member has a smaller diameter than said first tubular member, such that said second tubular member slidingly engages into said first tubular member.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) An assembly for mounting an object to a mounting surface comprising:  
a load absorbing member defining a central opening, said member having an inner surface, and an outer surface, and an upper base including a lip;  
first and second isolation layers disposed in a region defined by said outer surface of said load absorbing member, each of said isolation layers including inner surfaces that substantially circumscribe said outer surface of said member; and  
an isolator disposed in a region defined by said inner surface of said second isolation layer and said outer surface of said member, said isolator having and an outer surface that is spaced apart from the inner surface of the said second axial-isolation layer to forming form an annular gap for receiving a tubular portion of the mounting surface.

15. (Currently Amended) An assembly as in claim 14, wherein said load absorbing member comprises an upper base and a lower base. includes a lower base.

16. (Original) An assembly as in claim 14, wherein said lower base includes a first tubular member, wherein said upper base includes a second tubular member, and wherein said second tubular member slidably engages said first tubular member, defining said central opening.

17. (Currently Amended) An assembly as in claim 4416, wherein said second tubular member includes a dimple for engaging a fastener.

18. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 14, wherein said isolator and said first isolation layer are constructed as an integral piece.

19. (Original) An assembly as in claim 14, wherein said first and second isolation layers and said isolator are made from a wire mesh material.

20. (New) A mounting assembly comprising:  
a lower base including a first tubular member;  
an upper base including a second tubular member slidably engaging said first tubular member, said first tubular member having a dimple for engaging a fastener;  
a first axial isolation layer disposed adjacent said lower base;  
a second axial isolation layer adjacent said upper base; and  
an isolator adjacent said upper base and in communication with said first isolation layer,  
said isolator having an outer surface spaced apart from an inner surface of said second axial isolation layer to form an annular gap for receiving a tubular portion of a mounting surface.

21. (New) A mounting assembly according to claim 20, wherein said isolator and said first axial isolation layer are formed as one integral piece.

22. (New) A mounting assembly according to claim 20, wherein said first axial isolation layer, said second axial isolation layer, and said isolator each have an aperture, said apertures substantially circumscribes said first tubular member.

22. (New) A mounting assembly according to claim 20, wherein at least one of said first axial isolation layer, said second axial isolation layer, and said isolator is formed of a wire mesh material.